Essential medicines at affordable prices to Kerala

1423. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Competent Authority of the Central Government had taken any steps to support Kerala to control the price and maintain; the supply of essential medicines at affordable prices during the out break of mosquito borne viral diseases in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether special financial package will be provided to Kerala for sustainable control of mosquito borne diseases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (f) Government of India supply drugs, larvicides - temephos, fenthion and adulticides - pyrethrum extract (2%), malathian technical on regular basis as per the technical demand to the State of Kerala for Prevention and Control of Vector Borne Diseases.

In addition to above, an amount of Rs. 220.50 lakhs was released to the State during 2006-07, as emergency package towards the purchase of Fogging Machines, Pyrethrum Extract (2%). Temephos, Insecticide treated bed nets and for conducting Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, for prevention and control of Chikungunya.

During 2007-08 also, Rs. 403.90 lakhs has been released for sustaining the above activities.

Regulation of clinical trials

1424. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regulatory mechanism for clinical trials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of clinical trials registered for the last three years, year-wise, and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Regulations for conducting clinical trials with the new drugs ate prescribed under Rule-122 DA-122-E and Schedule-Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. These Rules provide specific application forms and relevant document requirements for seeking permission to conduct clinical trials. There are also Good Clinical Practices (GCP). Guidelines were introduced by the Ministry in the year 2001 and Ethical

Guidelines were issued by ICMR in the year 2000, which prescribe the parameters under which all clinical trials are to be conducted.

Number of clinical trials and global trials registered in the country for the last 3 years, are as follows:

Year 2005	-	180
Year 2006	-	259
Year 2007 (upto June)	-	311

Clinical trials are not registered state wise.

New medical colleges in Orissa

1425. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa proposes to set up new medical colleges in the State at Bolangir, Jaring in Kalahandi districts and at Rourkela;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help this backward cash strapped State both physically and financially to accomplish this gigantic task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No proposal in this regard has been received by the Ministry.

(c) At present, the Central Government has no approved scheme to provide any assistance to the State Governments for establishment of new medical colleges.

Indo-UK partnership on medical education

1426. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India wants some of its reputed medical colleges to be given accredition by the British Government which would enable graduates from these colleges to secure admission directly to more advanced medical courses in the UK, bypassing the mandatory test, which the foreigners seeking to study medicine in the UK, have to take;

(b) whether the Indo-British Partnership Network (IBPN), a joint initiative of Indian and British Industry, is also pressing for it; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of UK thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.